



Oklahoma Federal
Executive Board

2005 Public Service Recognition Week Employee of the Year Awards Banquet



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<p>Speaker: <i>Charlie Dry</i> <i>NASA Test Pilot (retired)</i></p> <p>Topic: "What they forgot to tell me"</p>	<p>Event information:</p> <p>Date: Monday, May 2, 2005 Time: 11:30am-1:00pm Location: Sheraton OKC Hotel One North Broadway</p>
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Driving Directions to Event: From any direction, travel to I-35 and I-40 vicinity. From I-40, exit on Robinson, travel North on Robinson to Sheridan. Turn East on Sheridan and travel one block, the hotel is on the north side of the street (more specific directions can be obtained from www.mapquest.com). The event is located in the downtown area. Parking is available in nearby surface lots and garages. The parking garage that adjoins the hotel is located on the north side of Sheridan available for \$6 per vehicle.

If you require special dietary accommodation, please contact the FEB Office, 405-231-4167.

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Cost: \$20.00 per person

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Cancellation Policy: Understanding that unforeseen circumstances may preclude an individual from attending, refunds and cancellations will be permitted through April 22, 2005. However, after that date, registrations must be honored by the individual or agency involved. If you are unable to attend, substitute attendees are authorized and encouraged!



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Information on our Speaker



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Charlie Dry was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma and grew up in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. He attended Murray State College, East Central University, the University of Oklahoma and continued his education at UCLA and the University of Houston. After graduating from college with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics, he voluntarily joined the Oklahoma National Guard, 45th Infantry and received an Honorable Discharge in 1967.

Charlie's aviation and space career began in 1962 as a civilian with an assignment at the highly classified China Lake Naval Ordnance Test Range (NOTS), China Lake, California. His aspiration to enter the space program led him to accept a position as a Flight Test Engineer on the Acceleration Test Sled at NOTS. The experience gained from these test proved to be valuable in his career at NASA.

In 1965, Charlie's eagerness to become completely involved in aviation and the space program led him to accept a civilian position as a Senior Research Engineer for North American Aviation in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Charlie also served as liaison between North American Aviation and the United States Air Force.

Charlie's dream was realized in 1966 when he accepted a position working for NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. He progressed to the position of Senior Systems Engineer. While at NASA, the Astronaut Test Crewman Program (Test Astronauts) was developed. The selection process was strenuous and he was ultimately chosen to serve NASA as an Astronaut Test Crewman. Charlie knew there would be many trials and triumphs, and deadly serious "what if games" and that each test had contingencies. He was committed and proud to be part of a team that was on their way to the moon.

In 1980, Charlie left NASA. Not wanting to drift too far from his NASA roots, Charlie developed and served as coordinating producer and actor for a special video series that explains astronaut program entry requirements and discussed the initial training and space exploration. He was co-author of Early Childhood Phonics, an educational book with accompanying workbook based on lunar travel. He also authored a book, the Junior Astronaut Handbook, for young readers who want to become Astronauts.

He was co-founder of the Aerospace Foundation of Oklahoma. He also co-founded the Oklahoma based Space Academy of America which involved classroom learning, practical application and hands-on experimentation for students. Charlie founded and served as CEO of Defense Technologies Inc., an Oklahoma City based firm specializing in providing professional engineering/technical support to the Department of Defense, other government agencies and private industry.

Charlie once stated, "The moon race might be over for me, or at least never again to resume with such intensity, but I want to state for the record book that, no one scientific achievement has lifted the worldwide human spirit than which was achieved with man's landing on the moon."

Charlie Dry is a noted aerospace lecturer and is currently assigned to several national speakers bureaus. He is currently serving as an independent aerospace consultant.

Organizational Affiliations: Instrumentation Society of America; Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers; American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; National Contract Management Association; Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Air Force Association; Experimental Aircraft Association; OU Aviation Advisory Board; Chickasaw Indian Nation's Aerospace Consultant & Business Development; Oklahoma Aviation & Space Hall of Fame 2003 Inductee; Oklahoma Governor's Aerospace Committee.